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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/712,205

Applicant(s)

ANDIDEH ET AL.

Examiner

Jung (John) Hur

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 April 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 14-26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 9-13 and 27-36 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 8 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Amendment

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's Amendment, filed 11 April 2006. The changes and remarks disclosed therein have been considered.

No claims have been cancelled or added by Amendment. Therefore, claims 1-36 remain pending in the application.

Election/Restrictions

2. Claims 14-26 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 20 October 2005.

Response to Amendment

3. The Declaration filed on 11 April 2006 under 37 CFR 1.131 is sufficient to overcome the Fricke et al. (U.S. Pat. Appl. Pub. No. 2003/0185048) reference.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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5. Claims 1, 3-6 and 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Toyama (EP 0073486 A2).

Regarding claim 1, Toyama, for example in Fig. 1, discloses a memory comprising: a first layer and a second layer (for example, layers 12d and 12c) of memory material spaced from one another (by 10d and 14c) in a first direction (vertical direction); and a first address line and a second address line (for example, B11 and B21) extending substantially in said first direction (vertical direction) through said first and second layers (see Figs. 1 and 2).

Regarding claims 3-6 and 9-13, Toyama further discloses third and fourth address lines (for example, w11 and w21 in Fig. 1) which extend in a second direction (perpendicular to the first direction) different from said first direction (see Fig. 1);

wherein said first and second directions are substantially transverse to one another (perpendicular or orthogonal; see Fig. 1);

wherein said third and fourth address lines are in said first layer (12d);

a first cell formed in said first layer between said first and third address lines (within M111 between B11 and w11) and a second cell formed in said first layer between said second and fourth address lines (within M121 between B21 and w21);

more than two lines (see Fig. 1);

more than two layers (see Fig. 1);

wherein said layers are vertically stacked (see Fig. 1);

wherein successive layers are spaced by an insulator (for example, 14c; see page 5, lines 15-18);

wherein said lines are vias (since B11 and B21 extend vertically via insulating layers 14a - 14c) extending vertically, said memory including a substrate (10a; see page 5, lines 10-12) having a surface, said first direction being substantially transverse to said surface (see Fig. 1).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 2 and 27-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Toyama (EP 0073486 A2) in view of Tuttle et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,448,110).

Regarding claim 2, Toyama discloses a memory of claim 1, with the exception of said memory material including a ferroelectric polymer material. Tuttle discloses a memory material including a ferroelectric polymer material (within 16 in Fig. 1A; see column 2, lines 44-46).

Since ferroelectric memories were common and well known in the art (as exemplified in Tuttle), it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to use the arrangement of Toyama for a memory with a memory material including a ferroelectric polymer material, for the purpose of providing a large memory capacity and a fast operating speed in such memory (see for example Toyama page 3, lines 18-20).

Regarding claims 27, 28 and 31-36, Toyama discloses the memory of claims 1, 3-6 and 9-13 (with B11 and B12 in Fig. 1 as a plurality of first address lines in claim 27), and further

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discloses a system comprising: a controller (to read from and write to the memory; see for example page 8, lines 14-20); an interface coupled to said controller (to input and output data to and from the memory); and said memory (Fig. 1) coupled to said controller.

Toyama does not disclose that the memory is a ferroelectric polymer memory and that the interface is a wireless interface.

Tuttle, for example in Fig. 1A, discloses a system comprising: a controller (including 15); a wireless interface (including 12-14, and a dipole antenna 4 and 5) coupled to said controller; and a ferroelectric polymer memory (within 16; see also column 2, lines 44-46) coupled to said controller; wherein said interface includes a dipole antenna (4 and 5; see column 6, lines 11-50).

Since ferroelectric memories were common and well known in the art (as exemplified in Tuttle), it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to use the arrangement of Toyama for a memory with a memory material including a ferroelectric polymer material, for the purpose of providing a large memory capacity and a fast operating speed in such memory (see for example Toyama page 3, lines 18-20).

Further, since systems comprising a wireless interface were common and well known in the art (as exemplified in Tuttle), it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to use the memory of Toyama in systems with a wireless interface (such as that of Tuttle), for the purpose of providing an increased mobility in such systems.

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Regarding claims 29 and 30, The Toyama/Tuttle combination discloses the system of claim 28, and further discloses that said interface includes a dipole antenna (4 and 5 in Fig. 1A of Tuttle), with the exception of said lines forming a bicell structure.

Since a bicell structure with a complementary bit line pair was common and well known in the art, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to pair up the first address lines of Toyoma as complementary pairs, such that said lines form a bicell structure.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 7 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 7, the prior arts of record do not disclose or suggest a memory as recited in claim 7 *in toto*, and particularly, a bicell of two cells formed in said first layer on opposed sides of said third address line. Claim 8 depends on claim 7.

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jung (John) Hur whose telephone number is (571) 272-1870. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Elms can be reached on (571) 272-1869. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jung H. Hur', followed by the date '6/26/06' written in a similar cursive style.

Jung (John) H. Hur
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